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SUBJECT: CARLOS TARABILLO/FCIA POLICY MTE-8657/D-360

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1. EXIMBANK APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S INTEREST IN THE MATTER AND BELIEVES EMBOFFS TALKS WITH BANCO AGRICOLA OFFICIALS HELPFUL. HOWEVER, EXIMBANK URGES EMBASSY TO DISCUSS MATTER ALSO WITH ATTORNEY ZALLES ASAP, SPECIFICALLY ZALLES' LETTER TO LUMMUS OF 12/8/75.

2. BASED ON INFORMATION FROM ZALLES, EXIMBANK NOT CONVINCED THAT BANCO AGRICOLA'S HANDS COMPLETELY CLEAN. ACCORDING TO ZALLES, HE WROTE THE BANK ON 6/20/74 PUTTING BANK ON NOTICE THAT TARABILLO DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO GIVE BANCO AGRICOLA A LIEN ON THE GIN AND THAT LUMMUS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO ASK THE COURTS FOR AN ANNULMENT OF SUCH LIE,.

NEVERTHELESS, BANCO AGRICOLA ACCEDED TO THE SUBSEQUENT SALE OF THE GIN TO GARABATO LTDA FOR DOLS457,000, ACCEPTING THE OBLIGATION FO GARABATO FOR SUCH AMOUNT AND CANCELLING A CORRESPONDING SUM FROM THE TOTAL DEBT OWED BY TARABILLO. IF ALL THIS WAS "COMPLETELY LEGAL" AS STATED TO EMBOFFS, EXIMBANK DOES NOT UNDERSTAND BANCO

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AGRICOLA'S CONTENTION THAT "TARABILLO RETAINS OBLIGATION

TO MAKE OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS TO LUMMUS".

3. REGARDING OUTSTANDING TARABILLO DEBT TO LUMMUS, NO MONIES
ARE DUE UNTIL 12/26/76 WHEN TARABILLO HS TO PAY DOLS37,400.51
PLUS INTEREST AT DOLS8.83 PER DAY FROM 7/18/75.

4. ALL EFFORTS ARE GEARED TO ASSURE PAYMENT ON THAT DATE OR EAR-
LIER AND BECAUSE LUMMUS AND EXIMBANK HAVE LOST FAITH IN TARABILLO
THE ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO GET BANCO AGRICOLA INTERESTED TO
EXTENT IT WILL SEE TO IT THAT REMAINING DEBT IS PAID.
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